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1. GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE'S OFFICE HAS PROVIDED US WITH TEXT OF BRIEF REMARKS WHICH GOVERNING MAYOR DIETRICH STOBBE PLANS TO MAKE AT FUNERAL OF GENERAL LUCIUS D. CLAY APRIL 21. GOVERNING MAYOR'S PARTY WILL CONTACT CHAPLAIN ADREWS UPON ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK. TEXT OF GOVERNING MAYOR'S TRIBUTE TO GENERAL CLAY FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

TOGETHER WITH THE AMERICAN NATION, THE PEOPLE OF FREE BERLIN MOURN THE DEATH OF LUCIUS D. CLAY. FOR MY FELLOW CITIZENS AND FOR ME, HE IS THE MAN WHOSE NAME IS LINKED WITH OUR EXISTENCE IN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. HIS WORK FOR BERLIN IS OF HISTORIC DIMENSION.

SUPPORTED BY HIS PRESIDENT'S CONFIDENCE, HE VENTURE UPON THE AIR LIFT AND ITS SUCCESS HAS PROVED HIM RIGHT. IT WAS IN THOSE DAYS, SO SHORT A TIME AFTER THE TERRIBLE WAR, THAT FRIENDSHIP WAS BORN BETWEEN OUR NATIONS. EVIDENCE OF THE SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE AMERICAN NATION AND THE CITIZENS OF BERLIN IS HEARD
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EVERY DAY WHEN THE FREEDOM BELL RINGS OUT FROM THE TOWER OF SCHOENEBERG CITY HALL. THIS BELL WAS DONATED BY MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. IT WAS LUCIUS D. CLAY WHO INITIATED THE APPEAL FOR DONATIONS.

AND WHEN THE WALL WAS BUILT IN BERLIN, IT WAS AGAIN LUCIUS D. CLAY WHO PERSONIFIED THE DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND HER ALLIES TO STAND BY BERLIN.

BERLIN HAS SENT ME, ITS GOVERNING MAYOR, AND A DELEGATION
FROM ITS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HERE TO PAY A FINAL TRIBUTE
TO LUCIUS D. CLAY. WE, WHO NOW CARRY RESPONSIBILITY IN
BERLIN, BOW IN GRATITUDE BEFORE THIS GREAT MAN. HIS LIFE IS AN
EXAMPLE TO US. IT STANDS FOR COURAGE, FOR DETERMINATION FOR
THE FIRM WILL TO DEFEND THE BASIC VALUES OF FREEDOM IN TIMES
OF THREAT. THIS WILL BE OUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT.

TO US, LUCIUS D. CLAY WAS A CITIZEN OF BERLIN, HE
REMAINS OUR HONORARY CITIZEN. END OF TEXT. GEORGE

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